THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The sections of National highways from Delhi to Lucknow and Purnea to Patna are generally in traffic worthy condition. some stretches were damaged during last monsoon which are being attended to. Maintenance and development of National Highway is a continuing activity and works of improvement are being undertaken from time to time subject to the resources available.

Retrenchment of Employees in MITCO

4878. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees are being retrenched in Mica Trading Corporation of India Limited (MITCO);

(b) if so, the number of employees retrenched so far, field-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to rehabilitate these retrenched employees, elsewhere; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No regular employee of Mica Trading Corporation of India Limited (MITCO) has been retrenched.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Bank-Population ratio in Andhra Pradesh

4879 PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the bank-population ratio in Andhra Pradesh, both in urban and rural areas as on November 30, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the average population per bank office (APPBO) as on 30th June, 1991 (latest available) in the urban and rural areas of Andhra Pradesh was 6,000 and 13,000 respectively.

Revision of pay scales of U.D.C., L.D.C and Office Supdts. in Defence Ministry

4880. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the all India defence Employees clerical association has represented to the government for revision of pay scales of LDC, UDC and Office Supdt. to Rs. 1200/-, Rs. 1400/- and Rs. 1600/- repetitively w.e.f. 1 1.86:

(b) whether the Supreme court has also in its recent judgement directed the Government to revise the pay scale of these categories; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI SHARAD PAWER): (a) No such representation has been received in there cent past.

(b) No such direction has come to Government's notice.

(c) Does not arise.

Rental Compensation to the Residents of Village Gigrial in Jammu

4881. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether rental compensation to the persons whose land has been acquired by the army in village Gigrial Tehsil Akhnoor in Jammu district has not been paid for the last two years and the revised rate also had not been paid for the years 1983 to 1986;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to release these payments immediately; and

(d) the time by which these payments are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI SHARAD PAWER): (a) to (d) A Statement is attached.

(a) to (d). Land measuring 106.375 acres is held under requisition by the Army in village Gigrial,Tehsil Akhnoor,in Jammu district.The revised rental compensation for this land is Rs.1,63,605.30 per annum. The rental compensation amounting to Rs.1,60,757.30 per annum for an area of 103.675 acres, for the period upto March 1990,has been released. For the remaining area of 2.700 acres,an amount of Rs. 2848/-per annum has also been released for the period up to march 89. However, the rental for the subsequent period,upto the period ending March 91, for this area could not be released timely,for want of accurate demand from the Dy.Commissioner concerned.The latter has since been received and payment is being released.

2. The payment of arrears of rentals at the revised rate for the period 1983-86 has already made in respect of the major portion of 96.968 acres. For the balance portion of 9.407 acres, the demand submitted by the Dy.Commissioner has been returned for rectification of mistakes. The payment for this area will be released as soon as the corrected demend is received from the Dy. Commissioner.

[*Translation*]

Daily Income of D.T.C

4882. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the daily income of Delhi Transport Corporation due to participation of private sector in the transport system of Delhi;

(b)if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the losses of D.T.C?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The bus routes in the Union Territory of Delhi are not nationalised,and hence,there is no legal bar for operation of private buses. It is not possible procisely to say to what extent there has been decline in the daily income of DTC due to private operation of buses.

(c) Government are continually monitoring the performance of DTC with a view to increase its productivity and to reduce the cost of operations,enforce economy measures, prevent leakages with a view to increase revenue collection and reduce working losses.Rationalisation of routes is another measures which is under taken by DTC for improving its performance.

Production of opium in the opium Factory at Ghazipur Uttar Pradesh

4883 SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quality and quantity of opium